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OnlineU names ICC the BEST

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has been selected the 2024 Best Online Community College in Mississippi for Affordability by OnlineU.

ONLINE DEGREES

“Mississippi offers many online degrees through its network of online community colleges,” said representatives of OnlineU. “These online degrees combine convenience with strong academic standards while maintaining low tuition costs for budget-minded students.”

TOP SPOT

ICC takes the top spot for its affordability with an annual tuition of \$2,750, placing it among the most cost-effective schools in the country, according to OnlineU. Additional highlights of its selection of ICC included 99 percent of students receive financial aid support through federal loans or grants and a support system that helps in managing educational expenses effectively. Adding to its appeal, ICC enrolls over 1,323 online students, which is within the top 31 percent of schools offering popular online programs.

THANK YOU

“We are honored to be recognized by OnlineU as we strive each semester to teach our students the most relevant skills and provide the foundational knowledge that they will need to be successful as they either continue their educational journey or to enter the workforce,” said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. - **See OnlineU, page four.**



ICC formally opens Student Activities Center

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College reopened its Student Activities Center with a formal ribbon cutting ceremony, Aug. 14, at the Fulton Campus.

“It is with great pride and excitement that we gather to celebrate the opening of the newly-renovated Student Activities Center,” said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. “Just as with our recent residence hall ribbon cuttings at Monroe and Sheffield Halls, this is not just a physical transformation but a renewal of our commitment to providing a vibrant and supportive campus environment for our students.”

ICC’s approximately 13,000-square-foot Student Activities Center, which opened in 1961 and the oldest building on the Fulton Campus, has had numerous facelifts over the years, but this renovation touched every aspect of the building, including a completely-redesigned interior to maximize open space for seating and the addition of a new covered space on the back to provide students a place to dine in the event of inclement weather. Allen said that the new space will be called “The Yard.” The outdoor furniture will arrive soon and be installed with out-



door TVs. “Our goal was to make this feel like a home on the outside with the style and rocking chairs while providing modern accommodations on the inside,” Allen noted.

“With this renovation, we are now able to offer a modernized space for study, play and programming for the entire student body,” Allen said. “The renovation is not 100 percent complete today. While temporary audio-visual items are in place today, new TVs and projectors will be installed soon.”

Additionally, landscaping and a potential arcade will be installed this semester. By Christmas, an updated grill space with mobile ordering hot lockers will be housed in this building. ICC’s Student Activities will also be in this facility as well as new offices.

“As you have heard me previously mention, here at ICC, we know our students’ living, gathering and learning spaces are critical to their overall college experience,” Allen said. “This is a place they will form lasting friendships, engage in study sessions and create memories that will stay with them long after graduation. We believe that the environment in which they live and their opportunities for student activities and engagement play a significant role in their academic success and personal growth.”

Allen said that the \$4.1 million renovation of the Student Activities Center was designed with ICC’s students’ needs and aspirations in mind. The upgraded facilities provide modern amenities, increased comfort and spaces that foster community and collaboration.

PryorMorrow was the architect, and JESCO, the contractor.

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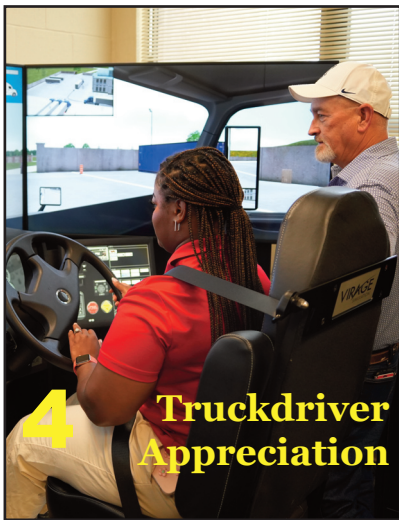
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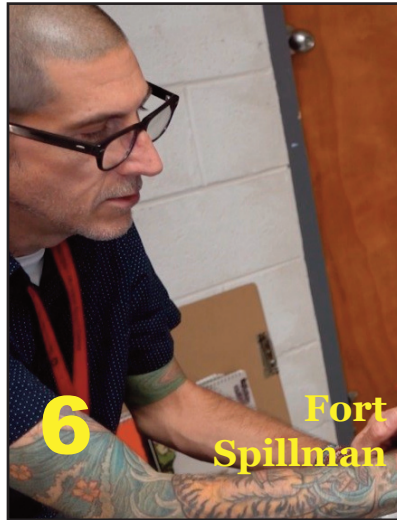
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How a trip to France prepared me for ICC

When I began my first day of college, I felt a lot like I did when I left my family in the Memphis airport to go on an 11-day trip to France: prepared as I could be, but mostly in the dark. As I went about my morning completely responsible for my class attendance, my eating schedule and my social presence, I fell back on a set of skills I was forced to develop overseas. Self-management is such a vital component of college life, so here are some lessons I brought back with me from France that are helping me at ICC!

I was fortunate to travel with a tour group, and I learned very quickly that one of the best things I could do was make friends with everyone in our party. I had never been out of the country before, and I was not

used to the roughly seven-hour time difference that complicated communication between my parents and me. I had to shove any lingering shyness aside and rely on establishing connections with



the people around me. At ICC, I am nowhere near as far away from my support system as I was in Paris, but the early relationships I have built with my fellow students still prove useful every single day - I find myself needing to ask somebody *where* or *how* all the time.

Something else I had to work on in France was my assertiveness. One day, my tour group went to Mont Saint-Michel, a medieval abbey in Normandy, and we were supposed to leave around 1 p.m. I ended up having about 15 minutes to make it back to the bus. I found two other women from the group, and the three of us started to weave through the crowded, lively alleys that wind all around the abbey. Somehow, I got stuck at the front of our ragtag team, and as I tried to clear a path for us through the swarms of tourists, I will never forget one of my traveling companions calling out, "Practice your assertiveness, Sharlee!" At school, when I have less than 10 minutes between classes, sometimes I must remember to do just that!

One final thing my trip taught me was how to gauge what I would need to bring for a full-throttle day. We would often board the bus at 7:45 a.m. and not return to the hotel until 6 p.m., so thinking ahead and making good plans became essential. The same thing has held true here at college - I have to consider not only what class materials I will need, but also what I will need to bring for any extracurricular activities *and* I have to make a feasible lunch plan that will fit into my tight schedule.

When you are thrown into something new in life, we must adapt out of necessity. That "something new" might be our first overseas trip or our transition to college, but whatever it is, chances are it will help us grow. I think adjusting to the world of higher education will teach us how capable and courageous we truly are.

OPINION POLL

“What is your favorite spot to hang out between classes?”

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“The Library. It’s very peaceful and quiet there.” - *Mazzie Cooper, sophomore, Mantachie*

“It’s the dorm.” - *Callie Beasily, sophomore, Amory*

“It’s the (W.O. Benjamin) Fine Arts Center.” - *Cassidy Edwards, sophomore, Mantachie*

“By planning a set day to my assignments and getting them done on that day.” - *Mackenzie Shotts, sophomore, Hamilton, Ala.*

“By making daily and hourly schedules and setting reminders to get things completed.” - *Emma Mask, sophomore, Nettleton*

“It’s definitely the (W.O. Benjamin) Fine Arts Center because I get to see most of my friends passing through and some of my favorite professors.” - *Cole Freeman, sophomore, Philadelphia*

“It’s Dr. Morgan’s (Cutturini) office in the (W.O. Benjamin) Fine Arts Center.” - *Joshua Coker, sophomore, Pontotoc*

“It’s either C.J. (Adams) office or the Bookstore.” - *Maggie Kimble, sophomore, Pontotoc*

“It’s the BSU (Baptist Student Union).” - *Sarah Black, sophomore, New Albany*

“It’s the School of Education lounge.” - *Rylee Eaton, sophomore, Mantachie*

“It’s Student Activities.” - *Olivia Foster, freshman, Nettleton*

“It’s The Grounds or the STEM Lounge.” - *Catherine McFadden, sophomore, Fulton*

Shelby Franks
Chieftain Staff

VIEWPOINT
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GRANT EDGER

The classroom and today’s technology

Over time, technology and the modern classroom have become inseparable. While pen and paper remain commonplace, it is undeniable that the use of laptops and the Internet have entirely revolutionized the makings of our classes.

There are multiple reasons why electronic devices have become so common since technology has modernized schools to a degree that has made us dependent on our Wi-Fi connections to learn anything.

Attendance can be taken with the click of just a few buttons; multiple choice quizzes can be graded almost instantly; assignments can be neatly organized with Canvas with minimal effort and Word documents offer a level of convenience and customizability that can’t be replicated with just pen and paper.



Some classes are so reliant on technology that they can be completed completely online. The required “College Life” course is an example of one of these classes in which most of the curriculum is simple enough to be taught through online videos and the ICC website.

While advanced technology has led to the availability of some very helpful and convenient resources to educators and their students, I would argue that over time we have become too dependent on these resources.

If for whatever reason ICC’s Wi-Fi were to go out, some classes wouldn’t be able to function properly.

When not connected to the Internet, devices can’t open resources not directly saved on it, meaning slideshows and videos that teachers use for their lectures are no longer available. Students also can’t access any Canvas assignments, open any Word documents or any online textbooks.

This scenario played out in the first week of my American government class...the Wi-Fi was down, meaning my teacher couldn’t take the class roll, open the slideshow she used for her lectures, and we students couldn’t open the discussion she assigned for the day. It was impossible to get anything done because of lack of the Internet, and the class was dismissed in less than half an hour.

Also, while laptops and phones may be the most convenient ways for students to access their assignments, they also are the most distracting for students and teachers. The simplest solution for the problem would be to rely more on physical paper notes and textbooks than on digital ones. Paper notes are still very common despite digital ones consistently increasing in popularity.

It isn’t easy to replace all digital tools with physical ones. Many students and teachers use digital tools because that’s more comfortable for them, and they wouldn’t be as productive if the only available options were physical.

Physical resources such as textbooks and notebook paper come with their own issues. Textbooks and stacks of paper can be difficult or uncomfortable to carry from class-to-class, and having to physically organize everything makes them more prone to being lost. - *See Technology and the Classroom, page six.*

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Faculty SPOTLIGHT

JENNY BOWERS

Instructor, English

FAMILY: “Married to Michael for 31 years. Two children, Natalie, 21, senior at Southern Miss; Caleb, 18, sophomore at ICC; three cats”

EDUCATION: Both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in English, Mississippi State University

WHAT DO YOU CURRENTLY TEACH OR HAVE TAUGHT: *English Composition I and II, World Literature, American Literature and British Literature*

TEACHING EXPERIENCE: *Teaching College English for 31 years; full-time since 2011*

POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: “I love interacting with students and seeing them ‘get’ what I am teaching - that ‘aha’ moment. I also enjoy my colleagues here at ICC.”



NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF TEACHING: “I hate having to tell students over and over to put away those phones!”

WORDS OF ADVICE FOR FUTURE STUDENTS: “Attend class, pay attention, take notes, ask questions!”

FUN FACTS: “I am an award-winning PTK adviser and would love to tell you more about PTK and the benefits of membership.”

KARA GRAHAM
Chieftain Staff



Members of the Humanities Club prepare for ICC's Sept. 17 Voter Registration drive.

ICC receives AACC grant for Voter Registration event

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College has received a grant from the American Association of Community Colleges to host an event to support National Voter Registration Day.

The \$2,700 grant will be used to engage students in voter registration, according to Nathan Ward, director of Instructional Support Services, who along with Lynn Millender, Social Science division chair, submitted the application.

“For several years, our Social Science Division has coordinated our annual Constitution Day event at ICC, and many of those focused on voter registration,” Millender said. “With this award from AACC, this year we will have an opportunity to impact students on both the ICC Fulton and Tupelo campuses as well as the Belden Center by participating in National Voter Registration Day, Tuesday, September 17. In addition, we

plan to launch a social media campaign and provide printed material that will help students better navigate the entire voting process,” she continued. “Organizations such as ICC’s Humanities Club, elected Circuit Clerks in counties within the college’s service district (Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc) and ICC’s faculty and staff will all work together to help motivate our students to exercise their right, as citizens to vote.”

“We are thrilled to have been awarded this grant to support our efforts on Voter Registration Day,” Ward said. “These funds will allow us to expand our outreach and make it even easier for students at all of our ICC locations to get registered to vote. Civic engagement is so important, and we’re excited to play a role in empowering more people to participate.”

“Thanks to the generous support of Levi Strauss & Co. in

awarding Community Partner grants to support National Voter Registration Day events held for eligible community colleges on September 17,” said Dr. Angel M. Royal, senior vice president of Strategic Initiatives for the AACC, in a press release. “2024 presents a critical opportunity to engage and motivate voters, particularly young people and college-aged students, who play a pivotal role in shaping the future of our nation,” she continued. “Community colleges serve as important hubs of civic engagement, providing students with the knowledge, skills and resources to actively participate in the democratic process.”

Among the grant criteria includes community colleges who plan to host one or more in-person voter registration events on Sept. 17, sign up as Registration Day Community Partners and promote Voter Registration Day, both digitally and with print assets from Aug. 15-Sept. 17.



FALL PREVIEW DAY

SEPTEMBER 26
2 P.M.
FULTON CAMPUS

SIGN UP TODAY!

WWW.ICCMS.EDU/PREVIEWDAYS

Area high school seniors invited to Fall Preview Day at the Fulton Campus

Staff Reports

High school seniors will have an opportunity to learn about Community College during its Fall Preview Day, which is scheduled for Sept. 26 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center at the Fulton Campus.

Fall Preview Day attendees will also have free admission for the ICC/Mississippi Delta football game at Eaton Field, beginning with a tailgate at 5 p.m.

They can select from up to two information sessions about ICC’s schools of academics, career education and health science, and participants will hear directly from faculty within the areas. They can choose which schools to attend based on a selected major through the registration link. Attendees will also receive information on involvement at ICC, financial aid/scholarships, housing and residence life, Phi Theta Kappa and honors. There will also be a

question-and-answer session. Student recruiters will lead the campus and residence hall tours during this event.

Although attendance at the football game is optional, two Fall Preview Day attendees will have the opportunity to participate in the Dr. Pepper Tuition Toss at halftime. The names of two contestants will be drawn at the free tailgate to have a chance to win a \$1,000 scholarship sponsored by Dr. Pepper and the

Itawamba Community College Foundation, Inc.

Preregistration at www.iccms.edu/PreviewDays is required, and spots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registrants are allowed to bring only one parent or guardian. Each senior student is required to fill out his/her own individual registration.

For more information, email Go2icc@iccms.edu.

ICC...#Betterthanevery

College
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FALL 2024

- Oct. 2** Last day to drop classes with a ‘W’ through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning first eight-week classes
- Oct. 4** Last day to drop classes with a ‘W’ through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for traditional first eight-week classes
- Oct. 7** Spring 2025 class schedule available
- Oct. 7-8** Final exams for traditional first eight-week classes
- Oct. 9** Advising begins for spring 2025
Grades due at 8 a.m. for traditional first eight-week classes
- Oct. 10-17** Final exams for eLearning first eight-week classes
- Oct. 11** Progress reports due for traditional full-term day/night and eLearning full-term classes
- Oct. 14-15** Fall break for students and employees
- Oct. 16** First day of class for traditional second eight-week classes
- Oct. 17** Last day to add traditional second eight-week classes
- Oct. 19** Grades due at noon for eLearning first eight-week classes
- Oct. 21** First day of class for eLearning second eight-week classes
Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) surveys available
- Oct. 22** Last day to add eLearning second eight-week classes
- Nov. 4** Registration begins at 2 p.m. for currently-enrolled Honors College and 3 p.m. for Allied Health students
- Nov. 5** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for currently-enrolled sophomores who have completed 24 or more hours
- Nov. 6** Last day to drop classes with a ‘W’ through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning full-term classes
- Nov. 7** Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. for currently-enrolled freshmen
- Nov. 18** First day of class for eLearning second four-week classes
Last day to add eLearning second four-week classes
- Nov. 20** First day of registration for adult learners, readmission and transfer students and December 2024 high school graduates
Last day to drop classes with a ‘W’ through excessive absences or withdrawal from classes for eLearning second eight-week classes

**For more information
and updates
on the fall schedule, go to
www.iccms.edu**



Students in instructor Jeff Reeder's Commercial Truck Driving program at Itawamba Community College use a simulator to learn the basics. - Photo credit Maggie Caldwell, ICC Community Relations

ICC celebrates truck drivers as CTD program recruits students

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is joining with the American Trucking Association in celebrating National Truck Driver Appreciation Week, Sept. 15-21.

The weeklong celebration honors the millions of professional truck drivers who deliver America's freight safely and securely every day.

ICC'S CTD PROGRAM

It is especially meaningful to Itawamba Community College, which is also celebrating its Commercial Truck Driving program that is now recruiting students for classes that will begin soon at its Tupelo Campus.

ICC's CTD program prepares individuals to drive Class A semi-trucks and other commercial vehicles. It includes instruction in operating diesel-powered vehicles, loading and unloading cargo, reporting delays or accidents on the road, verifying loads against shipping records and keeping necessary records. It is designed to give the future driver a complete and thorough understanding of log-books, trip records and the motor

carrier safety regulations of the United States Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration.

Options include four weeks, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m.-3:30 p.m., or 16 weeks.

Enrollment requirements include U.S. citizen or Puerto Rico valid driver's license, copy of good driving record; acceptable driving record with no more than two speeding tickets in the previous three years and no DUIs or DWUIs in the previous five years; pass DOT physical and drug screening within 30 days of class and pass class A CDL learner's permit exam.

THANK YOU, TRUCKERS!

"The nation's truckers are the lifeblood of our economy - delivering critical goods to farms, factories, stores, hospitals and homes," said Dylan Baldwin, dean of Career Education. "National Truck Driver Appreciation Week is a time to rally around our professional truck drivers and show them the appreciation they deserve every day. We are excited to

recognize these men and women who show their dedication, perseverance and determination on our nation's highways. Most importantly, we at ICC appreciate the significant role that we have to prepare quality drivers who will join companies across the region and beyond and exemplify our slogan, "The Best Start Here!"

THE PROFESSION

There are roughly 3.5 million professional truckdrivers nationwide, delivering the essential goods that families rely on - from food to fuel to medicine to clothing. The hardworking men and women behind the wheel safely transport more than 11 billion tons of goods and products every year, which account for more than 70 percent of America's total annual freight. Eighty percent of U.S. communities depend solely on trucking to deliver goods.

For more information on ICC's Commercial Truck Driving program, call (662) 407-1525 or email careereducation@iccms.edu.

ICC to enroll adult education students at Belden, Pontotoc

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will enroll new adult education students at orientations at the Belden Center, Sept. 30, and the Pontotoc WIN Center, Oct. 1.

The sessions at the Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Rd.) will include day classes - individuals 18+ years of age, 9 a.m. and those 16-17 years old, 1 p.m.; and evening classes - all ages, 4:30 p.m.

Individuals over the age of 16 are invited to register at Pontotoc beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Participants must have a photo ID, and 16-/17-year-olds should be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring a withdrawal



form from the most recent school attended.

Belden Center classes include Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Entry into the adult education area is across from the WIN Job Center at ICC-

Belden.

Pontotoc classes are currently taught at the Pontotoc WIN Center (316 Coffee Street), Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

There is no cost for the classes.

GED and HiSET testing is continuing on a weekly basis, and all program-enrolled students take the GED or HiSET free of charge. For more information on scheduling an appointment, contact Priscilla Trice at pbtrice@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1513.

For general information about classes or programs, email adult-education@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1510 or (662) 407-1517.

OnlineU from page one

"While we strive to always provide the best educational product and experience at the lowest price possible, it's always exciting for others to recognize the value! Being selected as the best for affordability by OnlineU is an example of how we at ICC are creating quality pathways and the best start for our students to meet them where they are and

to help them get to where they want to go cost-effectively."

ICC offers a wide array of online degrees in fields such as Business and Marketing Management, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Health Information Technology, Hospitality Management, Paralegal Studies and Public Health Technology.

Since 2004, it has been the mission of OnlineU to help students accomplish their education and career goals by finding the online degree with the best value. According to its website, it publishes rankings across hundreds of online degree programs, has collected reviews from more than 15,000 online students and publishes comprehensive

guides and news articles to help students find the best degree for their aspirations. Their manual research on thousands of online degrees each year yields accurate, detailed cost and salary information of alumni of the colleges. OnlineU has been recognized by more than 475 colleges as a leader in higher education rankings.

Meeting Room

CLUB NEWS & CALENDAR

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**For more information
on ICC clubs
and organizations,
www.iccms.edu.**

ICC schedules Dinner & Demo series

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will sponsor a Dinner & Demo series, beginning with an already sold-out session, October 3, at 5 p.m. at Forklift in Tupelo with chef Cooper Miller.

Available sessions are scheduled for 6 p.m., October 9, at the ICC Belden Center with Foodsmith chef David Leathers and at 5:30 p.m., Oct. 16, at Park Heights with chef Dan Schroeder.

"The chefs at each location will provide a demonstration related to the dinner preparation, which will follow," according to Josh Gammill, ICC director of Continuing Education, which is cosponsoring the series with the Food Management Certification pathway. "The three restaurants and their executive chefs have created a unique experience for participants," Gammill said.

Limited seating is available. Price per experience is \$55 per person. Couple and series pricing is available.

"This is an exciting partnership that will not only afford our students, but also the local community an opportunity for an intimate experience with these fabulous chefs," said Christy Scheuer, Food Management Certification pathway director. "Each of their styles is different, which I think will truly stand out not only with their demos, but also their dinner offering."

For more information or reservations, call (662) 407-1500 or email continuingeducation@iccms.edu.



Itawamba Community College Director of Phi Theta Kappa and the Honors College Makaela Salmon, left, presents Jenny Bowers a 10-year service pin on behalf of PTK.

PTK chapters gearing up for events at Fulton/Tupelo

ALEA HUDSON

Chieftain Staff

Itawamba Community College's Phi Theta Kappa chapters are gearing up for impactful events at both the Fulton and Tupelo campuses.

The Upsilon Sigma chapter at the Fulton Campus will focus on reintegration and exclusivity through its Honors in Action project. Supporting Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. "We're thrilled to hopefully work with our community to bring much-needed awareness and solutions to this issue," said Makaela Salmon, sponsor.

The Honors in Action initiative enables PTK members to explore relevant societal concerns. The chapter is currently in the research phase, Salmon said, focusing on the shortcomings in support systems that can make it difficult for individuals to reintegrate into society after serving time. "We're excited about the opportunity to collaborate with the local community and the ICC Fulton Campus to raise awareness about these issues and develop solutions."



PTK's college project is Promoting Inclusion for Neurodivergent Students. "The college project is all about inclusivity, with a focus on supporting neurodivergent students at ICC," Salmon said. PTK is teaming up with the new BLOOM program, which helps students with cognitive differences, to create a sensory room on the Fulton Campus, which will offer a calming space to help neurodivergent students manage sensory overload, making their time at ICC a little easier. In addition, PTK is launching an educational campaign to raise awareness about neurodivergence and the importance of inclusion and acceptance, Salmon noted. "By educating the college community, PTK aims to foster a more supportive and inclusive environment for everyone."

The Beta Tau Sigma chapter on the Tupelo Campus is focusing on

strengthening member involvement and providing opportunities for personal and academic growth, according to sponsor Jenny Bowers. This fall, the chapter's monthly meetings are scheduled for October 19 and November 12 in the Student Support Center presentation room at 12:15 p.m. "Our chapter meetings will include university recruiters, updates on projects and door prizes to encourage participation," Bowers said. "We hope to get more members of our PTK chapter involved in the projects that our officers are spearheading." The meetings are designed to connect students with opportunities to volunteer, get involved in chapter initiatives and make a positive impact on the ICC community. Students are encouraged to attend and sign up for volunteer roles to support upcoming projects," Bower emphasized.

For more information on either PTK chapter, contact Salmon at mnsalmon@iccms.edu or email PTKFulton@iccms.edu or jcbowers@iccms.edu or PTKTupelo@iccms.edu.

Student Activities Board shares YOUR ideas about 'things to do'

MATHAIUS MALLARD

Chieftain Staff

What is the Student Activities Board?

It's a group of volunteer students who give ideas about what most students want to do and see at all locations of ICC.

According to Ana Brooke Stephens, coordinator of Student Activities, and Ely Ward, Student Activities specialist, the Student Activities Board is a voice of the students for ideas and fun things to do.

Many of the activities on the Fulton Campus now take place at the newly-reopened Student Ac-

tivities Center. Stephens said that the SAC is a hangout spot for students with table games, TV, "the yard" and many more amenities to come. Its purpose is to be a hotspot for students to chill, study, relax and have fun, Stephens said.

Future events include Open Mic Night, Sept. 15; Homecoming Dance, Oct. 15; The Voice, Oct. 23 and Family Feud, Nov. 2.

According to Stephens, the plan is to have most of the student activities at the Fulton Campus at that location.

She said that intramurals include softball, kickball, frisbee,

dodgeball and volleyball.

Members of the Student Activities Board include Alea Hudson, Anna Lauren Glasson, Brooklyn Wicker, all of **New Albany**; Anna Beth Gray, Callie Kelton, both of **Golden**; Caroline Riley of **Plantersville**; Grace Randle of **Pontotoc**; Jaden Boyd, Macy Dean, both of **Tupelo**; Karry Linley of **Aberdeen**; Lauren Lee of **Olive Branch**; Lillian Alexander of **Smithville**; Summer Bates of **Isola**; Will Hathcote, Zoey Catherine Horne, both of **Smithville**; and Rachel Chavers of **Salttillo**.

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To Know More?**

FULTON CAMPUS

Information on	Contact
Academic Honors	Admissions
Activities Calendar	V.P. of Student Services
Admissions/Records	Admissions
Advanced Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Athletics	Athletic Director
Band	Band Director
Books/Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Advising Center
Car Registration Decals	Campus Police
Change of Adviser/Major	Advising Center
Change in Curriculum	Adviser/Student Affairs
Counseling	Student Affairs
Counseling (Personal)	V.P. of Student Services
Course Placement	V.P. of Instructional Services
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
Examinations	Instructor
Faculty Office Hours	Instructor
Graduation Req.	Admissions
Housing	Director of Housing
I.D. Cards	Library
Intramurals/Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Library	Director of Libraries
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Part-Time Jobs	Student Affairs
Placement Testing	Student Affairs
Publicity/Publications	Community Relations
Registration	Admissions
Schedule Changes	Adviser
Schedule Planning	Adviser
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Aid/Work Study	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Student Organizations	Sponsors
Summer School	Coor. of Student Activities
	V.P. of Instructional Services
Testing (Career)	Career Center
Transcripts	Admissions
Tuition, Fees, Deferrals	Business office
Use of Campus Property	V.P. of Student Services
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

TUPELO CAMPUS

Admissions/Records	Student Affairs
Advanced Placement Credit	VP, Instructional Services
Books and Supplies	Bookstore
Career Planning	Adviser/Career Center
Car Registration/Decals	Campus Police
Counseling	Student Affairs
Evaluation of Credits	Admissions
I.D. Cards	Library
Job Placement	Career Center
Library	Library
Log-Ins/PINs	TIS Help Desk
Parking	Campus Police
Registration/Early-Reg.	Student Affairs
Schedule Planning	Student Affairs
Scholarships	Financial Aid
Student Activities	Coor. of Student Activities
Student Aid	Financial Aid
Student Government	Coor. of Student Activities
Transcripts	Student Affairs
Tuition and Fees	Business office
Veterans Affairs	Financial Aid

BELDEN CENTER

Adult Ed./High School Equivalency	Audra Perry
Career Education	Dylan Baldwin
Continuing Education	Josh Gammill
WIOA	Brad Gates
Workforce	Barry Emison

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available
at www.iccms.edu
by clicking on the
area of interest
or by searching
the college directory
at the same location.**



The paintings of Memphis, Tenn.-based artist Bobby Spillman are currently on display in the W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center gallery. Show hours are Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. through Oct. 2.

**‘Fort Spillman’ on display
in Fine Arts Gallery
through Oct. 2**

Staff Reports

The paintings of Memphis, Tenn.-based artist Bobby Spillman, which is the first exhibit hosted this fall in Itawamba Community College’s W.O. Benjamin Fine Arts Center Gallery at the Fulton Campus, will be on display through Oct. 2.

The collection, titled “Fort Spillman,” consists of 12 large acrylic and mixed media paintings deeply layered in imagery surrounding cultural narrative and personal experience.

“The work is a reaction to the day-to-day act of living,” Spillman said. “It is sometimes a compilation of ongoing subconscious chatter acting as a surface to collect the filtered distractions, and in other pieces, the artist focuses on a single image that reflects a more thought-out singular moment.”

Inspired by cartoons, comics, satire, art history, traditional tattoo flash and childhood pop culture, Spillman’s works are created in a range of mediums from paint,

ink, aerosol, collage and color pencil.

Spillman, who earned his master’s degree from the University of Memphis, currently teaches advanced placement art in the Germantown Municipal School District.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

For more information, contact Shawn Whittington at (662) 862-8301 or email eswhittington@iccms.edu.

**ICC schedules
continuing education classes**

Staff Reports

Registration is underway for several continuing education classes that will begin soon at the ICC Belden Center.

They include Digital Photography for Beginners, Microsoft Excel for Beginners, Personal Finance, Art - A Basic Approach to Watercolor and Certified Nursing Assistant.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

Digital Photography for Beginners is designed for those who have a new SLR camera or want to increase their skill with a camera they already have. Highlights include setting up your camera, focal points, composition, cropping, fstops, shutter speeds, ISO, white balance, all the modes and their purpose and why they should be used. The class, which is taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m., meets from Sept. 23-Oct. 24. Cost is \$100.

MICROSOFT EXCEL

Microsoft Excel for Beginners focuses on designing, creating and editing spreadsheets and basic charts, insertion of formulas, designation of ranges and sorting data. Those who deal with figures and charts can use this as a tool that will lessen and simplify workloads. Basic computer skills are required. The class meets from Sept. 23-Oct. 10 (Tuesdays and Thursdays) from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Cost is \$85.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Personal Finance uses curriculum created by Dave Ramsey, and it is designed to provide students with practical insights, strategies and principles to take control of their finances and build a solid foundation for a secure future. The course explores key topics such as budgeting, savings, debt management, retirement and saving plans and real es-

tate. Whether individuals are facing debt challenges, planning for major life milestones or aiming for early retirement, the course provides tailored guidance to help students achieve their financial goals. Cost is \$85 per individual or \$125 per couple. The class meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from Sept. 23-Oct. 31, from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

ART - WATERCOLOR

Art - A Basic Approach to Watercolor is a beginner’s approach to brush painting on canvas (and watercolor). Students are guided through media experimentation using watercolor, acrylic and mixed-media (all water-based painting media/no oil paints). In addition, students will learn different brush and beginning techniques. The instructor works with each student as needed to achieve personal and course goals. Planned painting proj-

ects include experiential color and brush mark charts, simple landscape with sunset sky and one or more still-life paintings. A supply list will be provided in addition to the \$85 course fee. It meets on Thursdays from Oct. 3-24 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

CNA

Upon successful completion of the 12-week program, Certified Nursing Assistant participants can take the exam to become a CNA. Becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant provides an excellent foundation for those who want to advance in the nursing profession. The class meets Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-9 p.m., Sept. 30-Dec. 12. Cost is \$526.

All classes meet at the ICC Belden Center (3200 Adams Farm Rd.).

For more information, call (662) 407-1500 or email continuingeducation@iccms.edu.

**Technology and the Classroom
from page two**

There are also practical reasons as to why a class might prioritize digital resources over physical ones. An English class, for example, may require that all assignments be typed because it’s more common than writing in our modern society. The opposite is also true because math classes require as-

signments to be worked out on paper rather than digitally.

What is more important than simply using less of one type of resource is taking advantage of all available resources on a case-by-case basis.

As I stated, some classes can struggle without a proper Internet connec-

tion, but there are also ways to work around this. Documents and images saved directly on a device can typically be accessed without the Internet, and notebook paper is available in most classrooms.

Classrooms tend to change along-

side the most modern tools and resources that are available to teachers and students, and because of that, classes have become more digital, but part of creating the best environment to learn is using everything that is available depending on the situation.

Baldwin, Gammill selected as ICC's MCCFP participants

Staff Reports

Dylan Baldwin of Pontotoc, dean of Career Education, and Josh Gammill of Fulton, director of Continuing Education, have been selected to represent Itawamba Community College as participants in the Mississippi Community College Fellowship program.

DYLAN BALDWIN

Baldwin earned the associate's degree from ICC, the bachelor's degree from the University of Mississippi and the master's degree from Mississippi State University. He joined the ICC faculty in 2013 as Collision Repair Technology instructor. His honors include 2023 Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, 2017 Mississippi Community College Board Leadership Academy, Community College representative for the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development and secretary of the Mississippi Career Technical Officers Association.

Baldwin and his wife, Monica, are the parents of a nine-year-old daughter, Mia.

JOSH GAMMILL

Gammill has been a member of the ICC family since 2015, previously serving as career navigator and pathway coordinator. He earned the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University and the master's degree from the University of Mississippi. Gammill's honors include graduate of the Mississippi Community College Leadership Academy, graduate of the ICC Leadership Development Institute, successful completion of DDI Leadership Facilitator Training, Certified Career Development Facilitator and Certified Career Pathways Leadership. He is a deacon of Bethel Baptist Church. Gammill and his wife, Sara, are the parents of three children, Reed, Nora and Charlie.

The Mississippi Community College Policy Fellows Program, which began in 2012, has more than 120 alumni. It is sponsored by the Mississippi Com-



ICC's Dylan Baldwin, left, and Josh Gammill are participants in the 2024-25 Mississippi Community College Fellowship Program.

munity College Board in partnership with Washington, D.C.-based Advocacy Build. The program focuses on leadership, mentoring, policy and advocacy.

Convocation features reassignments, new faculty/staff recognition

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's new faculty and staff and reassignments were announced at Convocation at the beginning of the 2024 fall semester.

They include

Amory - Morgan Speed, Advising Center assistant; Dixie Owen, Dual Credit admissions specialist;

Baldwyn - Alisha Boren, administrative assistant to the Office of the President;

Bay St. Louis - Andrew Elkins, assistant men's soccer coach;

Belden - Jay Harrelson, manufacturing specialist; Cayce Smith, athletic creative content coordinator;

Belmont - Jessica Johnson, residence hall director; Isaac Johnson, Campus Police officer;

Blue Springs - Casey Peeples, Associate Degree Nursing instructor;

Columbus - Cody Morris, TIS technician;

Danville, Ala. - Carson Owens, head softball coach;

Fulton - Jimmy Sartin, Campus Police officer; Mara Shumpert, custodian; Jenna Russell, custodian; Caroline Mason, digital media special-

ist; Ethan Davis, TIS technician; Paige Barksdale, custodian; Dee Hentz, assistant football coach/defensive line; Ashley Brewer, custodian; Samantha Hanna, Campus Police officer; Brycen Carsten, TIS technician; Leah Caldwell, strategic office specialist; Anna Daher, English instructor; Madison Monson, assistant softball coach;

Golden - Daris White, transportation driver; Jason Harris, Diesel Equipment Technology instructor;

Guntown - Rusty Burroughs, Campus Police officer;

Mantachie - Ian Reed, project coordinator;

Marietta - Ana Brooke Stephens, Student Activities coordinator;

Mobile, Ala. - Joshua Lane, assistant men's basketball coach;

Mooreville - Kelly Ward, nurse navigator; Gracie Atwood, barista/Bookstore clerk; Ely Ward, Student Activities specialist; Lauren Holcomb, Associate Degree Nursing instructor; Sandra Reich, Computer Programming instructor;

Nettleton - Ashley Graham, Admissions specialist;

Madison Blake, barista/Bookstore clerk; Kenneth Lee, Commercial Truck Driving instructor;

New Albany - Margaret Green, assistant tennis coach;

Olive Branch - Dan Ellington, assistant football coach/offensive coordinator;

Phil Campbell, Ala. - Tammy Omalie, custodian;

Plantersville - Jason Evans, groundskeeper;

Pontotoc - Marcus Green, assistant football coach/wide receivers;

Saltillo - Jerry Hodge, grounds supervisor - Fulton Campus; Margaret Kimbrough, Associate Degree Nursing instructor; Shane Davis, assistant carpenter;

Nieko Christoffersen, groundskeeper; Elizabeth Owen, art instructor; Angie Herring, coordinator of Mental Health Services;

Tremont - Josh Hill, Campus Police officer; Andrea Rockwell, Bookstore textbook specialist; Carrie Whitehead, Anatomy and Physiology tutor;

Tupelo - Cal Brown, athletic creative content coordinator; Makaela Salmon, director of PTK/honors; Susan Mills, Adult Education

administrative assistant; Mya Terrell, WIOA office assistant; Jessica Portilla, custodian; Colm McCool, landscape specialist; Caroline Aldridge, assistant volleyball coach; Blaire Cullum, academic adviser; Jacob Roland, music instructor, assistant band director; Taylor Burks, assistant band director/music instructor; and Chase Stanford, Radiologic Technology clinical coordinator.

Returning staff members who are in new roles at ICC include

Baldwyn - Karen Watson, WIOA office assistant;

Blue Springs - Ashley Wells, WIOA bookkeeper/Career Coach;

Brookhaven - Darrian Wilson, head men's basketball coach;

Fulton - Shannon Gillentine, lead staff accountant; Jason Guntharp, TIS associate director; Alisha Kent, lead Bookstore Clerk - Fulton Campus; Kaitlyn Stanfield, director of Housing and Residence Life; Mandy Moore, Financial Aid specialist; Kim Poland, chemistry and biology instructor; Tanya Turner, lead Bookstore clerk - Tupelo Campus;

Houlka - Elizabeth Edwards, Business Administration instructor; Stacey Hughes, eLearning Student Experience coordinator;

Mantachie - Candice Pitts, administrative assistant to the Recruitment and Orientation office; Steven West, TIS lead developer/analyst;

Mooreville - Nash Lansdell, controls technician/plumber;

Ripley - Jonathan Thrasher, Network administrator;

Saltillo - Melanie Francis, eLearning instructional coordinator; Summer Thompson, lead custodian - Tupelo Campus; Angeelas Shannon, assistant director of Adult Education; Margaret Kimbrough, Associate Degree Nursing instructor;

Tupelo - Brandy White, outreach coordinator and executive assistant to the office of the President; Tony Lee, Financial Aid specialist; Lauren Asters, Associate Degree Nursing program director; and Cynthia Adams, Supportive and Disabilities coordinator.

ICC reschedules

All-American Heroes Night to Sept. 26

Staff Reports

Due to the possibility of inclement weather forecast for September 12, Itawamba Community College's All-American Heroes Night was postponed until September 26, when the Indians play the Mississippi Delta Community College Trojans.

Both past and current members of the armed forces, first responders and healthcare professionals will be honored at halftime of the football game at Lambert Stadium/Eaton Field, which begins at 7 p.m. Also scheduled starting at 4 p.m include an Indian Spirit Walk and All-American Tailgate with free Touch-a-Truck, Kids' Zone activities and tethered hot air balloon rides.

For more information, contact Nina Strother, director of Marketing and Community Engagement, at communityrelations@iccms.edu.

The BEST start here!!

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 17

Voter Registration Day
Fulton, Tupelo, Belden
Tech Tuesday
Fulton Library
1-4 p.m.

STEM Club Meeting
Natural Science 110 - Fulton
2:15 p.m.

Wesley Foundation Meal and Worship
Wesley - Fulton - 7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 18

Ole Miss Visit
Academic and Student Center
Tupelo - 9-11 a.m.

UNA Visit
David C. Cole Student Services
Fulton - 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Bass Club Interest Meeting
David C. Cole Student Services
Fulton - 2 p.m.

Crafternoon - Crochet 101
Library - Fulton - 2 p.m.

Open Mic Night
SAC Yard - Fulton - 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 19

Ole Miss Visit
David C. Cole Student Services
Fulton - 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 23

Ole Miss Visit
David C. Cole Student Services
Fulton - 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 24

Tech Tuesday
Library - Fulton - 1-4 p.m.
Wesley Foundation
Meal and Worship
Fulton - 6 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 25

Crafternoon - Knit and Purl
Library - Fulton - 2 p.m.
Student Activities at Volleyball
Davis Event Center - Fulton
5 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 26

Ole Miss Tupelo Visit
Academic and Student Center - Tupelo
10 a.m.-1 p.m.
All-American Heroes Night
Lambert Stadium - Fulton - 7 p.m.
Additional activities begin at 4 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 30

PTK-Fulton Chapter Meeting
Crubaugh Technical Education Building
12:10 p.m.

OCTOBER 1

Tech Tuesday
Library - Fulton - 1-4 p.m.
Wesley Foundation Meal/Worship
Fulton - 6 p.m.

OCTOBER 2

Crafternoon - Knit and Purl
Library - Fulton - 2 p.m.

OCTOBER 7

Spring 2025 Class Schedule Available

OCTOBER 8

Final Exams, Traditional
First Eight-Week Classes
Tech Tuesday
Library - Fulton - 1-4 p.m.

OCTOBER 9

First Day of Advising for Spring '25
PTK-Tupelo Chapter Meeting
Student Support Center 123G - 12:15 p.m.

OCTOBER 10

Final Exams for eLearning
First Eight-Week Classes

OCTOBER 14-15

Fall Break

For more information
www.iccms.edu
Activities Calendar

HONORS and MORE...



ICC adult education graduates Cristal Campbell, left, and Rosalyn Montgomery display their awards for Students of the Year presented by the Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education.

ICC adult education graduates win state awards

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College Adult Education graduates Cristal Campbell of Tremont and Rosalyn Montgomery of Plantersville have been selected as Students of the Year for 2023-24 by the Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education.

MONTGOMERY

Montgomery, wife, mother, grandmother and family matriarch, passed her high school equivalency exam at the age of 68, less than a month after her birthday. She had to drop out of school at the age of 12 to care for her brothers and sisters while her parents worked.

Over many years, she attended adult education classes, and she made a promise to her mother and herself that she would not give up, despite a medical condition that proves difficult for her to read for extended periods of time.

A ROLE MODEL

"I wanted to complete something I started," Montgomery said upon passing the high school equivalency test. I wanted to be a role model and show people that if you put in the time and work, you will be victorious."

Her teacher and nominator for the award, Shundria Whitfield, said, "Not only did Mrs. Montgomery come to class daily, but she was also a caregiver to her ailing husband and brother. She was able to be mother, grandmother and friend to so many of the students who were in class with her."

LEADERSHIP

"Many times, she was a pillar in time of need to her peers because they depended on her for words of encouragement, guidance and structure. In addition to her academic success, she embodies qualities

of leadership, integrity and resilience that make her an outstanding candidate for this award.

"Her positive attitude, work ethic and dedication to self-improvement make her an exceptional role model for others to follow for years to come."

HER FAMILY

Montgomery and her husband, James, have three children, Tasharee, Lacrista and James Eric, and four grandchildren, Zion and Zoriah Barnes, Jaitlyn Kidd and Darius Morris.

She volunteers at Small Beginnings Early Learning Center in Nettleton and participates in various activities at Straight Gate Holiness Church in Nettleton.

Montgomery plans to enroll in Itawamba Community College's interior design class and start her own business.

CAMPBELL

Campbell began working toward her high school equivalency diploma in 2020 as a referral from drug court. As she isn't hesitant to share, Campbell's life story has included a bad marriage, unfortunate peer associations, substance addiction and the loss of jobs, homes and relationships with friends and family.

"It might help people who were in my situation to see that God can change your life after substance and spousal abuse and just not living right," Campbell said.

STRUGGLE

She struggled in the beginning with diminished ability to retain information; had some test failures and even dropped out of the program. However, with the help of church friends and through Bible studies, she realized that when she focused on one subject at a time with much repetition and immersion in that material, she was able to

better retain information.

Campbell reenrolled in 2022, just as newly-appointed instructor and nominator, Amy Emerson, joined the class. Emerson said that when she walked into the first class, she was "as green as a gourd and a little nervous" at the prospect of teaching adults as opposed to traditional school-age students.

WELCOMING SMILE

Campbell was the first student she met, and her welcoming smile and joyful spirit made Emerson immediately feel at ease. Emerson described Campbell as a "mainstay of the class, not only learning, but helping others as well."

SUCCESS AT LAST

Soon, Campbell was ready to try testing again, and quickly began achieving excellent scores. The math test proved to be the most difficult and required Campbell to remember her "no quitting" mantra.

"Finally, after extra tutoring, lots of prayer and much math repetition, Campbell destroyed the math beast in October 2023," Emerson said.

HELPING OTHERS

Campbell and her husband, Mitchell, attend the Open Door Worship Center in Fulton.

In addition to always helping others, she leads a support group for women and distributes church invitation flyers. She enjoys visiting with her children (Phillip Rhyne/Tiffany and Jonathan/Krysta) and her grandchildren (Jackson, Kennedy, Sutton and Fallon).

The awards were presented at the 2024 Mississippi Association of Adult and Community Education conference in late July in Flowood.



FYI

MAKE A NOTE OF IT

JUST A REMINDER...

Review lockdown procedures

ICC's faculty, staff and students are urged to re-view campus lockdown procedures.

"The procedures are meant to be very simple because at the point of a lockdown, the major concern is the safety of all of the individuals in the campus community," said Dr. Brad Boggs, vice president of student services.

Notifications will be communicated via ICC ALERT, email and the Emergency Information Web page.

Upon notification of campus lockdown, everyone must react immediately.

The procedures include

- 1) Lock all doors and windows.
- 2) Close all blinds.
- 3) Turn off lights.
- 4) Use room furnishings to barricade doors and as protection.

- 5) Everyone should sit on the floor, away from doors and windows.

- 6) Make no noise.

- 7) Remain in lockdown until it is cleared with a notice via ICC ALERT or the police/administrator gives te ALL CLEAR code.

In addition, these are procedures in the event of severe weather conditions or evacuation.

Individuals should check ICC's website, www.iccms.edu, for information. It's located under Campus Safety on the home page.

Sign up for ICC ALERT

ICC provides a mass notification system called ICC ALERT.

Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to participate in the free service.

ICC ALERT has been utilized for inclement weather situations when classes and offices were closed due to snow and icing conditions and when storms threatened

the area.

To sign up to receive emergency messages through ICC ALERT: 1) Log on to the myTribe portal using your name and password; 2) Click ICC ALERT system in the link section on the bottom right; 3) Log in with your same username and password as myTribe to add/update your information.

For assistance with technical issues, contact the TIS Help Desk at (662) 862-8295 or via email at helpdesk@iccms.edu.

Litter-free

Everyone is reminded to use trash receptacles for litter. It's up to all of us to show our pride by ensuring that all three locations are litter-free.

No noise

Unnecessary noise is banned at Itawamba Community College, including loud music, yelling and screaming.

Students who are found guilty of noise violations will be fined, and the fine will double with each successive violation.

Campus Police

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ICC-Fulton...662.687.2750

ICC-Tupelo...662.687.2751

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procedures...**

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Audra Perry, director of Adult Education, right, joins Itawamba Community College President Dr. Jay Allen as he signs a proclamation celebrating Sept. 15-21 as National Education and Family Literacy Week.

ICC celebrates Sept. 15-21 National Adult Education, Family Literacy Week

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's Adult Education Department is celebrating September 15-21 as National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.

ICC President Dr. Jay Allen kicked off the commemoration with the signing of a proclamation designating the nationwide event.

Additional activities will include Adult Education staff reading to students in both of ICC's Early Learning Centers (Fulton and Tupelo) during the week.

"The goal of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week is to work side-by-side in every state, territory and district to heighten public awareness, strengthen alliances, leverage re-

sources and increase the number of people who understand the vital role adult education and family literacy play in our nation's and state's well-being," according to Audra Perry, ICC director of Adult Education.

In signing the proclamation, Allen said that he "supports the goals and ideals of National Adult Education and Family Literacy Week and recognizes the efforts of ICC's Adult Education Department and its instructors in Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties and encourage the participation of all individuals to achieve a high school diploma."

Perry noted statistics show that more than 42 million adults in the United States cannot read, write

or do basic math above a third-grade level and bringing all adults to the equivalent of a sixth-grade level would have a significant impact on the generation of additional income for the country as well as reduce the billions of dollars in healthcare costs that are linked to low adult literacy skills."

ICC offers adult education day, afternoon and evening classes at Amory, Belden, Fulton and Pontotoc. GED and HiSET testing continues on a weekly basis, and all ICC program-enrolled students take either test free of charge.

For general information about the classes or program, email adulthoodeducation@iccms.edu or call (662) 407-1510 or (662) 407-1517.

Among 60 in nation ICC receives \$50,000 grant from AWMH

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College is among 60 colleges across all 50 United States to be awarded a grant from All Within My Hands, the nonprofit, philanthropic organization created by the members and management of Metallica. ICC is in year two of the Metallica Scholars Initiative.

ICC's \$50,000 grant will focus on underserved populations to enable individuals to attain job skills and opportunities to equip them for employment to better position them for success and a better future.

"It is a tremendous honor for Itawamba Community College to be selected as one of the continuing recipients of the prestigious All Within My Hands grant, which will significantly impact our career education programs and the lives of those who will receive scholarships to pursue a pathway and their best start," said ICC President Dr. Jay Allen. "It is another indication of the success of the College and reinforcement of the mission that students and their success are our top priority."

By the end of year six, it is estimated that AWMH has helped more than 8,000 students with a wide range of background and ages gain skills to assist in finding meaningful jobs and careers. Metallica Scholars are often considered nontraditional students or adult learners, as many have families they support or are the first in their families to pursue a college education.



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ICC students elect SGA reps

Fulton Campus

Abbie McQuary
Shelby Morgan
At-Large Reps
Sydney Palmer
Lee County
Shelby Sullivan
Monroe County
Abi Grace
Warren
Pontotoc County

Tupelo Campus

Yazmeen Alwaisi
At-Large Rep
Harley Blagg
Chickasaw County
Susanna Worsham
Lee County
Victor Salgado
Monroe County
EllaVon Strahl
Pontotoc County



Getting Involved

Students at both the Fulton (top photos) and Tupelo campuses (bottom photo) participate in Involvement Fairs in late August.



Itawamba Community College is an open admission, comprehensive, publicly supported two-year institution primarily serving Chickasaw, Itawamba, Lee, Monroe and Pontotoc counties, while also being responsive to the instructional and economic development needs of the region.

Itawamba Community College fulfills its mission through 1) College-parallel, technical and career programs to prepare students to transfer or enter the workforce; 2) Continuing education and workforce pathways for individuals striving for professional growth or personal enrichment; 3) Strategic partnerships to provide student opportunities, meet business and industry needs and promote economic development; 4) Adult education programs committed to increasing the literacy level of the adult population, providing self-improvement opportunities, workforce readiness and/or high school equivalency; 5) Resources, including financial, physical and technological to advance educational purpose as well as traditional and online instructional services, student support services and business management; 6) Recruitment and employment of qualified personnel as well as provide ongoing opportunities for leadership growth and success in educational, career and personal goals.

Candidates for admission to academic and career education programs may be admitted by diploma - students are required to present an official transcript from a high school accredited by the appropriate state or regional accreditation association; by completing the appropriate number of Carnegie units; by successfully completing an acceptable high school equivalency test - students are required to have an official copy of the high school equivalency transcript mailed to the Director of Admissions; by advanced standing (college transfer students). Students graduating without a regular diploma (Occupational Diploma or Special Education Diploma) must successfully complete an acceptable high school equivalency test or qualify under a Mississippi Ability to Benefit State Process in order to be eligible for admission to Itawamba Community College. Some career education programs may have selective criteria for admission.

Itawamba Community College is an equal opportunity institution. The College strictly prohibits discrimination in its educational programs and activities, employment practices and admissions processes on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, religion, ethnicity, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, status as a U.S. veteran or other status protected by applicable law. For more information, contact the Vice President of Student Services, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843, 662.862.8271 or email TitleIXCoordinator@iccms.edu.

In compliance with Title Iv of the Civil Rights At of 1964; TitleIX, Education Amendments of 1972; and Section 504, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Itawamba Community College makes available its curricular and extracurricular programs and its facilities to every qualified person regardless of race, sex, color, creed, national origin or disability.

Itawamba Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Community Colleges to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404.670.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Itawamba Community College.

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all three ICC locations



ICC's Welcome/Welcome Back Week included such activities as a housing social, movie night, find your classes with donuts, Welcome to Wesley social, FunkyTown Throw-down, Welcome Home Cookout, sno-cone social, burgers and blues cookout and BSU water party. Students participated in activities at all three locations: Fulton, Tupelo and Belden.



Welcome to ICC!
What a Week!



ICC Athletics on the Move

CAMPUS SPORTS

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ICC kicks off '24 season with two wins, one loss

Staff Reports
ICC 26, HINDS 14

It's been said it's not how you start, but how you finish, and that was the case for freshman kicker Eli Burciaga in Itawamba Community College's 10-7 road win over the Hinds Community College Eagles, Aug. 29.

With the game tied 7-7, the Indians went on a nearly four-minute drive after forcing the Eagles to punt with 12:06 left in the third quarter.

Quarterback Ty Davis found Zae Davis for a 13-yard pass to midfield on a third-and-nine situation. The duo later connected on a 28-yard strike to move the ball to the six-yard-line. The Eagles' defense stiffened and forced the Indians into the field goal attempt.

After missing his first-ever field collegiate field goal attempt from 33 yards out, Burciaga confidently jogged on the field and drilled the eventual game-winning 20-yard kick with 8:05 left in the third quarter.

Hinds partially blocked a punt and took over at the Indians' 28-yard line with 8:05 left in the third quarter. ICC's defense answered the bell and forced the Eagles to punt on a fourth-and-20 situation.

The Eagles had one final surge in hopes of pulling off the come-from-behind victory. After driving to the 24-yard line, Orel Gray forced the Hinds QB to scramble and throw the ball to

the endzone, but Kylan Egerson jumped in front of the pass and stayed inbounds to negate the drive.

The Indians were able to run out the clock and kneel their way to the 10-7 victory.

Defensively, ICC held Hinds to 188 yards of total offense (13 rushing; 175 passing) while recording nine sacks and picking off two passes.

Gray led the Indians with 10 tackles, two sacks and a tackle for loss. Egerson and Dylan Rowsey each had an interception on the night.

Defensively, the Indians rolled up 393 yards (185 rushing, 208 passing).

Ty Davis completed 18-of-35 passing for 208 yards and a 30-yard touchdown toss to Tyran Mosley in the second quarter. Zae Davis had nine catches for 117 yards. Jaylen Foster led the Indians' ground attack with 82 yards on 12 carries.

ICC 10, PEARL RIVER 0

The Indians' defense gave up less than 200 yards of offense in a 10-0 win over the Pearl River Wildcats at Eaton Field.

The Indians took a 3-0 lead into the locker room after Eli Burciaga connected on a 30-yard field goal with 5:39 left in the second quarter. ICC went up 10-0 on a 17-yard touchdown pass from Ty Davis to Tyran Mosley late in the third quarter. Davis was 6-for-11 for 35 yards and a touchdown.

The Wildcats looked primed to put points on the board when they drove to the Indians' one-yard line on fourth down. Jayden Walker stuffed the run attempt for no gain to preserve the shutout with 7:54 left in the game.

ICC's defense forced Pearl River into four straight turnovers on downs in the fourth quarter.

Walker, Jaiyden Thompson, Collin Dunn, Dylan Rowsey and Jamarion Scott each had five tackles on the night. The Indians led the Wildcats to 179 yards of offense (130 passing, 49 rushing) while recording nine tackles for loss, six pass breakups, five sacks, two forced fumbles and an interception.

ICC 9, EAST CENTRAL 20

Fans that waded through the remnants of Hurricane Francine couldn't have asked for much more from the Indians' defense. ICC forced eight turnovers, six fumbles and two interceptions, but the offense sputtered in the second half in a disappointing 20-9 home loss to East Central.

Jayden Walker recovered a fumble on the Warriors' opening drive to set up a 37-yard touchdown pass to Chris Reed from Ty Davis to give the Indians a 6-0 advantage after a bad snap on the extra-point attempt.

After throwing an interception, the Indians got the ball back when Orel Gray pounced on a fumble at the East

Central 48-yard line, but gave the ball back after failing to convert on fourth down.

Trailing 6-0, East Central tried to take a shot downfield, but Zach Pratt picked off the pass. The Indians were forced to punt on the ensuing drive.

Gray recovered his second fumble on the night, but the offense continued to struggle to move the ball and missed a 47-yard field goal attempt wide left with 6:05 to play in the second quarter.

East Central returned a botched snap and was tackled as time expired on the half. A horse collar tackle allowed the Warriors to have an untimed down, and they took full advantage as a pass slipped between a pair of defenders for a 44-yard touchdown pass. A bad snap on the extra-point attempt made it a 6-6 contest at the break.

The Warriors returned an interception 26 yards for a touchdown to take a 13-6 lead with 13:29 left in the third quarter.

Brevin Warren recovered a fumble at the Warriors' 11-yard line, and the Indians had to settle for a 22-yard field goal by Eli Burciaga to make it a 13-9 game with 5:15 left in the third.

East Central put the game on ice with a 62-yard, 10-play drive that was capped off by a one-yard touchdown to go up 20-9 with 2:33 left to play.

Tim Bowens selected to Dolphins' Ring of Honor

Staff Reports

Former Miami Dolphins defensive tackle and ICC Indian Tim Bowens has been selected as the 28th member of the teams Ring of Honor. Bowens, the first addition to the prestigious group in 10 years, will be formally inducted into the Ring of Honor the last weekend of October, when the Dolphins host the Arizona Cardinals, in a special halftime ceremony.

"Tim Bowens was the epitome of a team player who performed at an

elite level for a long period of time, allowing both his teammates and the Miami Dolphins to be successful," said Tom Garfinkel, Vice Chairman, President and Chief Executive officer of the Dolphins. "From the day he was drafted until the day he retired, Tim was a warrior in the trenches. His selfless, dependable and physical style of play is a big reason why his teammates also found success, most notably Jason Taylor and Zach Thomas, who are now enshrined in the Pro



Tim Bowens, left, is shown with former ICC coach and president Mike Eaton.

Football Hall of Fame. We are excited to recognize Tim later this season and cement him where he belongs, among the all-time greats in Miami Dolphins history."

Bowens played his en-

tire 11-year NFL career with Miami from 1994-2004. His toughness and durability were remarkable at one of the game's most physical positions. His 157 games played are the 14th most in Dolphins' history.

As a freshman at ICC, Bowens helped lead the Indians to a 7-2-1 record. In his final season, the Indians wrapped up the regular season with an 8-2 record and advanced to the MACJC championship game and played in the Mineral Water

Bowl.

Bowens left his mark on the ICC football program by laying the groundwork for future teams to build upon. He was named a two-time MACJC All-State selection and NJCAA All-American. He was inducted into the ICC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010 and the MAC Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.

Subsequently, he played for Coach Billy Brewer and the Ole Miss Rebels.

Congrats!

Tribe Talk

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In the dynamic world of junior college football, ICC's Indians have carved out a reputation with a blend of tenacity and skill, underscored by a coaching staff committed to athletic and personal development.

Under the leadership of Coach Travis Macon, the 2024 team has demonstrated resilience and growth, making significant strides after his first year at the helm of the Indians.

The program's emphasis on player development goes beyond the gridiron, focusing on fostering academic achievement personal growth, which is crucial for athletes who transition to universities or higher aspirations.

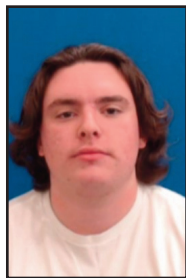
As ICC continues to build, the future looks promising. With a solid foundation and dedicated coaching staff, ICC football is poised to make even more significant strides, solidifying its place as a powerhouse in junior college football and a steppingstone for young athletes, who not only want to contribute to the program, but also to take the next step to play at the university level such as Pernell McPhee and Darius Slay or even like Joe Horn, go straight to the pros.

The advent of Name, Image and Likeness (NIL) rights has revolutionized the landscape of college athletics, offering athletes unprecedented opportunities to profit from their personal brand. For ICC and other community colleges, this new era presents a double-edged sword, bringing both potential benefits and significant challenges. NIL could be a powerful tool for community colleges to attract high-caliber recruits. By offering athletes the chance to build their brand early, juco programs become more appealing to prospective players looking to leverage their time at a two-year college as a platform for future success.

As athletes engage in NIL opportunities, they naturally generate more media attention and community engagement. This heightened visibility could elevate the profile of the community colleges, leading to more significant support from local businesses and alumni and enhancing the overall reputation of the programs.

For many community college athletes, financial support is crucial. NIL opportunities can provide additional income, help cover expenses and reduce the economic burden of attending college.

The impact of NIL might vary significantly among the two-year program. Schools with less media exposure or smaller fan bases could need help providing the same NIL opportunities as more prominent institutions and affect the ability of some programs to compete effectively in recruitment and retention. The integration of NIL rights introduces a new layer of regulatory complexity. Community colleges must navigate a maze of compliance requirements and ensure that all NIL agreements align with institutional policies and broader athletic regulations. The focus on personal branding and financial gain could potentially divert attention from the primary objectives of two-year college athletics - academic achievement and athletic development. Also, is the 17-21-year-old athletic ready to handle the "riches" and potential fame that comes with NIL endorsements? Programs must maintain a balanced approach, ensuring that athletes don't lose sight of their educational goals amidst the allure of NIL opportunities. **ROLL TRIBE!**



ICC to formally open softball/tennis complex

Staff Reports

The public is invited to celebrate the grand opening of Itawamba Community College's new softball and tennis complex at the Fulton Campus, September 18, at 11 a.m.

A ribbon cutting will open the 6,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility that includes locker rooms, laundry facilities and a small training area, all on the first floor; three separated rooms for scoring,

announcer and the media and two large open decks at the top of the stadium with both chair back and bench seats on the second floor.

During the groundbreaking ceremony on March 7, 2023, ICC President Dr. Jay Allen said, "It's not just going to be ANY softball and tennis complex. It's going to be the BEST in the league. I can't wait to gather here again as we cut the ribbon on this magnificent facility."

"Come and enjoy refreshments and a facility tour as we cut the ribbon to kick off a new era for our sports teams," Allen said last week.

"This is a celebration of the hard work and dedication that made this project possible, and we can't wait to share it with our community."

The facility is located on Tombigbee Drive.

Soccer, volleyball players earn MACCC POW honors

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College's women's soccer players **Annabelle Holman** of Amory and **Isobel Kinsella** of Gloucestershire, UK and volleyball players **Bree Lyons** of Oxford and **Kensley Woolbright** of New Hope earned Mississippi Association of Community Colleges Conference Player of the Week honors recently.

Holman allowed zero goals to help the Lady Indians pick up a 4-0 win at Southwest Tennessee in her collegiate debut. Her only allowed goal came during ICC's 2-1 win over Pellissippi State.

Kinsella earned the Offensive Player of the Week honors follow-



ing a stellar first pair of games with the Lady Indians. In ICC's 4-0 win at Southwest Tennessee, she scored two goals and an assist. She also had the game-winning assist against Pellissippi State.

Lyons was named MACCC Offensive Player of the Week after helping the Indians earn a pair of 3-2 wins over Chattanooga State and Calhoun. The outside hitter recorded a team-high 32 total kills with 13 against Chattanooga State and 19 against Calhoun, which was one shy of a career high.

On the opening day of her sophomore season, Woolbright played a key role in ICC's hard-fought wins over Chattanooga State and Calhoun, earning her MACCC Defensive Player of the Week honors. The libero had a team-leading total of 52 digs on the day. She recorded 19 against Chattanooga State and a career-high 33 against Calhoun.

Itawamba Community College Sports...

ON THE SCHEDULE

BASEBALL

10.6 Lincoln Trail 11 a.m.
10.13 Jones College 2 p.m.
SW Miss. 5 p.m.
All are away games.

GOLF

9.16 @Regional Preview
9.17 @Regional Preview
9.30 @Wolf Pack Invitational
10.1 @Wolf Pack Invitational
10.7 @Jim Redgate Invitational
10.8 @Jim Redgate Invitational

FOOTBALL

9.19 @East Miss. 7 p.m.
9.26 Miss. Delta 7 p.m.
10.10 @Coahoma 6:30 p.m.
10.17 Holmes 7 p.m.
10.24 @Northeast 6:30 p.m.
10.31 Northwest 7 p.m.

SOCCER

9.17 @Meridian 5/7 p.m.
9.20 East Miss. 2/4 p.m.
9.24 Holmes 2/4 p.m.
9.27 @Co-Lin 1/3 p.m.
10.4 Gulf Coast 1/3 p.m.

10.8 @Northwest 5/7 p.m.
10.11 Jones 1/3 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

9.18 @Bevill St. 5 p.m.
9.23 Meridian 5 p.m.
9.25 Northeast 6 p.m.
9.27 Gadsden St. 4 p.m.
9.30 @Northwest 6 p.m.
10.2 @Jones 5 p.m.
10.4 Pellissippi St. 2 p.m.
10.4 Rust 6 p.m.
10.7 @Pearl River 5 p.m.
10.9 @Meridian 5 p.m.
10.11 Gadsden St. Noon

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ICC Resident Assistants begin fall with move-in day



Itawamba Community College Resident Assistants for 2024 include front, from left, Adriana Banderas, Mazzie Cooper, Halelh Macon, Makayla Key, Anna Bradley, Jaycee Vinson, Addison Loving, Samira Gates, Khelliah McIntosh, Destiny Smith; middle, Timothy Richardson, David Gaspar-Hernandez, Joseph Smith, Crissen McCoy, Alea Hudson, Jaden Reese, Chris Scharklet, Dalton Brandon, Wyatt Anderson, Courtney Hankins; back, Evan Lytle, Bailey Brown, Ethan Kelly, Tytianna Brooks, Chloe Caver, Jonathan May, Mikias Cuthbertson, Matthew McCarley and Kyle Moore.

ICC Alumni Assn. to present five awards during Homecoming 2024, Oct. 17

Staff Reports

Itawamba Community College will honor its 2024 Alumnus of the Year, Athletic Hall of Fame inductees, Distinguished Service and Young Alumnus of the Year award recipients during Homecoming activities, Oct. 17, at the Fulton Campus.

They include Dr. Lance Evans of New Albany, Alumnus of the Year; Jonathan Van Every of Nashville, Tenn. and Dr. David Rather of Tupelo, Athletic Hall of Fame; Johnny Crane of Fulton, Distinguished Service; and Jamey Logan of Tupelo, Young Alumnus of the Year.

DR. LANCE EVANS

A 1998 graduate of ICC, Evans became Mississippi's State Superintendent of Education, July 1. His educational background also includes the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University; master's degree from the University of Mississippi; educational specialist and doctoral degrees from Delta State University. He played football at ICC, where he was selected to Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges. Over the past 23 years, he has served as Superintendent of Schools for the New Albany School District and in other roles as teacher, coach, assistant principal and both elementary and high school principal. His leadership skills have earned several recognitions, including 2023 Mississippi Superintendent of the Year and 2015 Mississippi Principal of the Year. Evans has also served on the boards of the Mississippi Association of School Superintendents, Mississippi Association of School Administrators and the Governing Board for the American Association of School

Administrators. He is also a member of the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. He and his wife, Brandy, have two children, Katie and Landon.

JONATHAN VAN EVERY

Van Every earned the associate's degree from ICC and the bachelor's degree from Southern Miss, both with honors. At ICC, he had a career batting average of .375 with 16 home runs over two seasons and was named NJCAA All-American. His statistics include 54 games played and 145 at-bats, fifth in the nation with 32 of 33 stolen bases, fifth on the team with 56 hits, 35th in the nation with 42 RBI, fifth in the nation with 17 home runs and 36th in the nation with a team leading .386 average. He was selected in the 29th round of the 2000 Major League Draft by the Cleveland Indians and subsequently played for the Boston Red Sox, Pittsburgh Pirates and the Washington Nationals. Since 2021, he has been employed in pool distribution. He is married to Morgan Van Every.

DAVID RATHER

ICC's and MACJC's first golf coach, Rather led the Indians for 26 seasons (1990-2016), during which he had eight MACJC All-State players, nine NJCAA National Tournament participants and one NJCAA All-American (Alex Rowland). Employed at ICC beginning in 1978, Rather served as director of Special Education and the Workforce Development program until 2015. He earned the bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees, all from the University of Mississippi. His previous work history included Marshall Academy in Holly Springs and

Three Rivers Planning and Development District. Since his retirement, he has also taught continuing education classes for ICC. Rather and his wife, Jane, are the parents of Alexis Rather, who is assistant golf coach at Louisiana State University, and Kate Killough, pre-K director for Alcorn and Prentiss counties, who is married to Chris Killough, and two grandchildren, Miller and McCleary.

JOHNNY CRANE

Crane, cofounder of FL Crane and Sons, and his family have served as role models for Northeast Mississippi for many years. Their generosity and support include significant financial contributions along with their personal commitments as well as devoted countless hours to the success of charities, churches, schools and civic organizations throughout the region. A living testament to their generosity and love for the College is located on the site of the "old" football field, the Crane Pavilion, which was established and formally dedicated in 2010. He was a member of the ICC Foundation Board from 2004-20. Crane's honors include ICDC Business Person of the Year, Boy Scouts Yocona Silver Beaver Award, ICC Alumnus of the Year, Good Citizen Award, McLean Award for Philanthropy, Mississippi Associated Building Contractors Hall of Fame, Construction Man of the Year and President. Additionally, on his long list of community involvement are ICDC president, Port Commission, Leadership Itawamba, Harden House, Boy Scouts, Private Industry Council for Job Training Partnership Act and significant support of ICC and Missis-

issippi State University in his contributions to their facilities, scholarships and educational programs. He and his wife, Bessie Lynn, have three children, Chip (Jenny) Crane, Jacqueline (Kenny) Petre and Dixie (Kirk) Presley; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

JAMEY LOGAN

Logan, who is marketing director for TAG Truck Center, earned the associate's degree from ICC in 2011 and the bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University. His previous work experience includes digital content manager for BancorpSouth and vice president (marketing content director) for Renasant Bank. At ICC, he was a member of the leadership team and praise band for the Wesley Foundation, praise band for the Baptist Student Union, marching band drum line and Phi Theta Kappa. Logan's honors include Northeast Mississippi Daily Journal Top 40 Under 40 (finalist three years), Mississippi Business Journal Top 50 Under 40, City of Tupelo Quality of Life committee member, Kiwanis Club of Tupelo board member and Downtown Tupelo Main Street Association marketing committee chairman and executive board member. He and his wife, Laura Kay, are the parents of one daughter, Willow Logan, 3.

The award recipients will be honored during a special ceremony at 4 p.m. at the Davis Event Center and presented during the ICC/Holmes pregame activities, which begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information, email maupton@iccms.edu or call (662) 862-8035.

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